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The specification has been amended to correct typographical errors in the text. No new matter is added.

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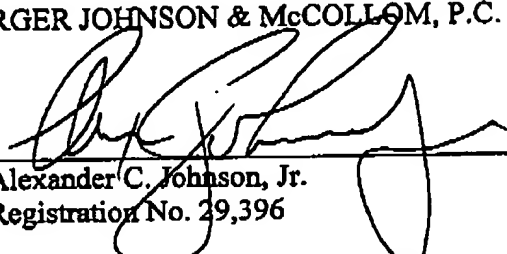
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Page 17, paragraph starting at line 10, ending at line 18:

Tokenless biometric electronic transmissions are characterized by identifying the user with the user's biometric sample 62 submitted through a stand alone BIA 16 which is directly connected via dial-up, leased lines or wireless modem 56 to the Internet 18, or through a BIA 16 [incorporated] incorporated to any client terminal such as a desktop personal computer, a notebook computer, a thin-client, or other public terminal or kiosk 60 such as an Automated Teller Machine (ATM). In a preferred embodiment, the user is identified through biometrics while third-party databases 28 which are accessed to complete the electronic transmission are identified through the verification of a digital certificate issued by an authorized certifying authority.

Page 23, paragraph starting at line 28, ending at page 24, line 8:

Examples of authorized third-party execution of electronic transmissions include accessing data in third-party 28 databases or servers, processing data by third-party databases 28 or servers, [presentating] presenting or displaying data to the user by a third-party database 28, or processing of data by the DPC 10. If the third-party is a person, the user may register a biometric with the Identifier 12. If the third-party is an entity, such as a corporation, it may register a digital certificate with the Identifier 12. Third-party digital certificates are available from certifying authorities, and they provide the assurance that the entity with the certificate is the authentic owner of that identity. These certificates contain readable text and other information that describes the entity. These certificates include corporate logos, a corporate address, as well as the company name.

Page 25, paragraph starting at line 10, ending at line 13:

In another embodiment where a PIC is used for identification purposes as shown in Fig. 6, a biometric theft resolution step is preferably employed, to change a [user's PIC] user's PIC when it is determined that a user's biometric sample 62 has been fraudulently used or duplicated.

Page 25, paragraph starting at line 15, ending at line 25:

In this embodiment, a user registers with the DPC 10 as a primary user. This means that the primary user may restrict, modify, or otherwise control a subordinated user's electronic transmissions to access, process or present electronic data and electronic content stored on various third-party 28 Execution Modules 38 or third-party 28 databases. This may be desired, for example, when the primary user is a parent who wishes to influence or govern the on-line browsing activity of their minor child, who as the subordinated user is permitted access to certain [desireable] desirable electronic databases while being denied access to [undesireable] undesirable electronic databases. In this embodiment of the invention, the primary user registers with the DPC 10 their biometric sample 62 along with the subordinated user's biometric sample 62. Separate and unique User ID Codes are issued by the Identicator for the primary user and the subordinated user, respectively.

Page 32, paragraph starting at line 15, ending at line 21:

The Clearinghouse 14 optionally stores user-customized Pattern Data 54 that is unassociated with any user-customized Execution [Commands52] Commands 52 and optionally stores user-customized Execution Commands 52 that are not associated with any user-customized Pattern Data 54. Therefore, such unassociated Pattern Data 54 or Execution Commands 52 are optionally stored within the Clearinghouse 14 until they are associated with a Pattern Data 54 or an Execution Command 52 together thereby forming an executable Rule Module.

Page 36, paragraphs starting at line 13, ending at page 37, line 15:

Upon the Identicator's successful identification of the user from their bid biometric, other embodiments of Execution Commands 52 governing electronic transmission access include permitting the user to access their health insurance account and validate their benefits to a health-care provider prior to being admitted to a hospital, to access their pre-paid entertainment account and validate to admittance personnel their eligibility to attend an entertainment event, such as a live music concert on a [pre-proscribed] pre-prescribed day, at a [pre-proscribed] pre-prescribed time and to sit in a [pre-proscribed] pre-prescribed seat, to access their video club account and validate to a

merchant their eligibility to rent videos under their pre-paid membership, to access their driver's license on-line and validate to an authority their eligibility to drive a car, to purchase restricted products like alcohol or tobacco, or to access a restricted entertainment event such as an R-rated film being shown in theatres, to access their credit-rating account and validate to a cashier their eligibility for check-writing privileges, to access an Internet web site and enter a real-time chat room with other people on-line.

Further embodiments of Execution Commands 52 governing electronic transmission access include entitling a user to extend an on-line user-customized session by repeating their user-customized session log-in by entering either their biometric or at least one of their user-customized Pattern Data 54 when periodically queried to do so by the Identifier 12 or Clearinghouse 14, to access customized radio or television programming, wherein the user can be provided with customized programming, with or without time restrictions, that reflects pre-designated preferences, such as a channel broadcasting only news on companies in which the user has an investment or a channel broadcasting only music from Broadway theater shows which the user has seen or indicated a desire to see, to access restricted portions of corporate intranet 58 databases on a selective basis, based upon pre-designated Pattern Data 54, such as the user's job title or company division; to access their travel reservations and validate to the admittance attendant that the user is eligible to travel, such as boarding a particular flight or a specific train, on a [pre-proscribed] pre-prescribed day, at a [pre-proscribed] pre-prescribed time, and to sit in a [pre-proscribed] pre-prescribed seat, to access on-line position "papers" of user-customized political candidates and electoral ballot initiatives, and validate to an authorized third-party that the user is eligible to vote in particular elections, such as voting for a particular candidate running from a particular user-customized district.

Page 38, paragraph starting at line 19, ending at line 28:

As an example of the above, the user's intelligent agent can direct the user's search engine to automatically conduct periodic, customized on-line data retrievals reflecting user-customized priorities for: product or service promotional offers or discounts via email or instant messaging; user-customized investment updates; user-customized medical or health information; competitive product or service [pricings] prices across a broad range of on-line merchants; hobby or recreational interests; interactive user-customized on-line advertisements, wherein product or service providers are permitted to provide unsolicited information to a user

based upon certain user-customized criteria; on-line event calendaring, wherein a user is automatically notified of upcoming events or activities reflecting their interests.

Page 39, paragraph starting at line 24, ending at page 40, line 9:

In another embodiment where greater security is required, an Execution Command 52 governs the appending of a user-unique network credential or digital certificate to an electronic transmission. If a user employing a biometric seeks to append their digital certificate to an electronic transmission, the user stores at least one command to sign electronic documents using their private keys, which are themselves centrally stored on [an] a Clearinghouse 14 server. As such, the user's private keys are invoked as a header for the user's electronic transmission which, in combination with the electronic document itself and an MD5 calculation of the document, together form a digital signature. At a later time, an authorized recipient can use the user's public key from the DPC 10 or a third-party certifier to verify the authenticity of the sender and the electronic document's contents to yield a secure, authenticated electronic transmission. In this way, users do not have to manage their own private keys, nor do they have to retain physical possession of their digital certificates via smart cards or personal computers with resident user-customized data. In one embodiment, public keys of a particular certifying authority are initially stored in the BIA 16 at the time of construction.

Page 43, paragraph starting at line 21, ending at line 28:

The DPC 10 forwards to the BIA 16 a unique, one-time usage Random Key Number (RKN), optionally [onefor] one for each and every one of said third-party database 28 Internet locations which are relevant to the user. The BIA 16 will store the Random Key Number in Random Access Memory (RAM), and will erase them when the user's log-on session terminates. These Random Key Numbers are preferably sent from the DPC 10 to the BIA 16 as encrypted 128-bit random number. The BIA 16 decrypts the Random Key Number and forwards it to the kiosk. At this point, the kiosk is permitted to display or present all such URLs for the user as text or- preferably as visual icons.

Page 45, paragraph starting at line 8, ending at line 24:

Further, in this embodiment, the user on the "Messaging" icon to access all of their email, Internet fax and Internet voicemail messaging [accounts.The] accounts. The "Messaging" icon, represents all of the URLs related to the user's messaging accounts which have been grouped by [theClearinghouse] the Clearinghouse 14 according to the user's Rule Modules 50 . The user has previously stored with [theClearinghouse] the Clearinghouse 14 their messaging account URLs along with their respective account names and passwords. Once the user clicks on the kiosk's "get new messages" icon, the kiosk requests the DPC 10 to access the user's messaging accounts. Once this request is received by the DPC, [theClearinghouse] the Clearinghouse 14 invokes the user's Rule Modules 50 governing message requests. Assuming the user wants to simultaneously obtain all of their messages at once, the DPC 10 in turn sends a HyperText Transfer Protocol (HTTP) "get" message command for each URL, thereby enabling the DPC 10 to retrieve all of their email, Internet voicemail and Internet fax account messages at once. (Note that HTTP is the protocol currently used to transfer information from Internet third-party databases 28 to client browsers.) These messages are the Pull [Data retrieved] Data retrieved by the DPC. The DPC 10 filters the HyperText Markup Language (HTML) to retain only user-relevant message contents and forward this to the kiosk for presentation to the user.

Page 46, paragraph starting at line 3, ending at line 18:

In this embodiment, one of the user's invoked Rule Modules 50 that provide calendaring functions, the kiosk automatically presents the user with an "Academics" icon for notification that they must complete their university's on-line coursework examination. In this embodiment, the DPC 10 provides the BIA 16 with a packet containing the Universal Access Command, the Random Key Number, and any other relevant user-unique network credentials for the university's restricted database. The BIA 16 decrypts this packet and forwards it to the kiosk for display to the user. The user clicks on the displayed icon representing the URL for the third-party Execution Module 38 and databases at which resides the examination for which the user has pre-registered. The kiosk forwards Random Key Number to the URL, and the resident Execution Module 38 queries the DPC 10 to authenticate the validity of the Random Key Number. If the DPC 10 confirms the validity of the Random Key Number to the URL, the user is enabled to access the third party database and take their electronically stored course exam. [Preferrably] Preferably for security, this particular Random Key Number would be good for only one on-line session by the user with

the relevant third-party database, in this case being the university server on which is stored the course examination.

Page 50, paragraph starting at line 14 and ending at line 29:

In one embodiment, the Identifier 12 module is physically distinct and separate from [theClearinghouse] the Clearinghouse 14 module with each housed in independent servers or modules. In another embodiment, the Identifier is physically integrated with the Clearinghouse, whereby the Identifier 12 [andClearinghouse] and Clearinghouse 14 are physically interconnected and integrated together within one server or module. In both embodiments, communications between the Identifier and [theClearinghouse] the Clearinghouse 14 occur via many different methods and means that are well known in the art. Most depend on the particular communication networks already deployed by the organization or company that deploys the electronic transmission authorization system.

In one embodiment the, the Identifier and [theClearinghouse] the Clearinghouse 14 are connected via Ethernet to a local router, which is connected to a network operations center (NOC) via frame relay lines. Messages are sent between the Identifier and the Clearinghouse 14 using TCP/IP over this network. In another embodiment, the Identifier and [theClearinghouse] the Clearinghouse 14 are connected via a cellular digital packet data (CDPD) modem to a CDPD provider, who provides TCP/IP connectivity from the Identifier to an intranet 58 to which at least [oneClearinghouse] one Clearinghouse 14 is attached.

Page 51, paragraph starting at line 1, ending at line 6:

In yet another embodiment, an Identifier is connected via the Internet, as is at least one Clearinghouse. TCP/IP is used to transmit messages from between the Identifier and the Clearinghouse. There are many different ways to connect the Identifier and [theClearinghouse] the Clearinghouse 14 that are well understood in the industry, such as cable TV networks, cellular telephone networks, telephone networks, the Internet, an intranet, a LAN, a WAN, or an X.25 network.

Page 51, paragraph starting at line 9, ending at line 14:

The Identicator and [theClearinghouse] the Clearinghouse 14 hardware modules are high-reliability database servers, well known in the art, such as those available from Sun™, Compaq™, Tandem™, IBM™ and the like. Further, the Identicator and [theClearinghouse] the Clearinghouse 14 software may incorporate scalable database architecture, well known in the art, such as those available from Oracle™, Sybase™, Informix™ and the like.

Page 51, paragraph starting at line 18, ending at page 52, line 2:

In certain embodiments, a master Identicator is responsible for storage of the entire set of biometric samples and digital certificates registered for use with this invention. The [masterClearinghouse] master Clearinghouse 14 is responsible for storage of the entire set of Pattern Data 54, Execution Commands 52, and Rule Modules 50 registered for use with this invention.

Each master Identicator and [masterClearinghouse] master Clearinghouse 14 site is preferably made up of a number of computers and databases connected together over a LAN (known in the industry). Multiple and redundant master computer sites ensure reliable service in the face of disaster or serious hardware failure at any single central computer site.

Local Identicator servers store subsets of the entire set of biometric samples and digital certificates registered for use with this invention. [LocalClearinghouse] Local Clearinghouse 14 servers store subsets of the entire set of Pattern Data 54, Execution Commands 52, and Rule Modules 50 registered for use with this invention. Such Pattern Data 54 and Execution Commands 52 subsets are circumscribed by any number of criteria including, usage location, usage frequency, usage recency, usage demographics and usage volume of electronic transmissions.

Page 52, paragraphs starting at line 13, ending at page 53, line 7:

This system comprises at least one master Identicator and one master Clearinghouse, which contains a large subset of all parties registered with the system. The system further comprises at least two local Identicators or two local Clearinghouses that are physically apart from each other. Each local Identicator [orClearinghouse] or Clearinghouse 14 contains a subset of the parties contained within the master Identicator or Clearinghouse. Data

communications lines allow electronic transmissions to flow between each local Identifier [orClearinghouse] or Clearinghouse 14 and the master Identifier or Clearinghouse.

In this embodiment, identification request electronic transmissions are first sent to the local Identifier [orClearinghouse] or Clearinghouse 14 for processing. If a party cannot be identified by the local Identifier or if the requisite Rule Module is not contained in the local Clearinghouse, the electronic transmission is forwarded to the master Identifier or Clearinghouse. If the parties are identified properly by the master Identifier or if the requisite Rule Module is located in the master Clearinghouse, the electronic transmission is processed appropriately. In addition, the user's identity information can be transmitted from the master Identifier to the local Identifier, so that the next time the user will be successfully identified by the local Identifier.

In another embodiment of a use-sensitive system, the system further comprises a purge engine for deleting a party's user-customized information from the local Identifier [andClearinghouse] and Clearinghouse 14 databases. In order to store only records for those parties who use the system more than a prescribed frequency and prevent the overload of databases with records from parties who use the system only occasionally, the record of a party is deleted from the local Identifier [andClearinghouse] and Clearinghouse 14 databases if there has been no attempt to identify the party upon expiration of a predetermined time limit.

Page 53, paragraph starting at line 14, ending at line 19:

In one embodiment, an Execution Command 52 optionally requires [theClearinghouse] the Clearinghouse 14 and the Execution Module 38 to communicate with at least one third-party 28 computer or database to conduct the user's command. For example, when the Execution Module 38 communicates with a host server located within an educational institution, where the third-party database 28 stores research data which is accessed in order to complete the user's Execution Command 52.

Page 54, paragraph starting at line 24, ending at line 26:

The firewall 40 provides a first line of defense against network viruses and computer hackers. All communication links into or out of the Identicator 12 [andClearinghouse] and Clearinghouse 14 server sites first pass through a secure firewall 40 Machine.

Page 55, paragraphs starting at line 1, ending at line 8:

BIA-equipped terminals send packets to Identicator 12 [andClearinghouse] and Clearinghouse 14 server sites via modem, X.25, or other communication medium. The Identicator 12 [andClearinghouse] and Clearinghouse 14 server sites rely on a third-party to supply the modem banks required to handle the volume of calls and feed the data onto the DPC 10 backbone.

For communications between Identicator 12 [andClearinghouse] and Clearinghouse 14 server sites, the FW Machines send out double-length DES encrypted packets. The server site LAN component handles the encryption and decryption: the firewall 40 does not have the ability to decrypt the packets.